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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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REGULATION OF SUGAR PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the rules regarding regulation of sugar production in the country;

(b) the production and demand of sugar in the country during the last three years alongwith the cost of production of sugar;

(c) the quantum and price of sugar imported during the said period alongwith the additional expenditure incurred on its import; and

(d) the quantum and value of sugar exported during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The Sugar (Control) Order, 1966, regulates production, supply and distribution of sugar in the country.

(b): The production and sugar releases made to meet the demand of sugar in the country during the last three sugar seasons are given below:

(In Lakh Tons)

Sugar Season	Production	Sugar Released
2003-2004	139.58	175.00
2004-2005	136.60	171.44
2005-2006 (P)	193.21	183.21

As regards cost of production, the Central Government does not maintain such data. However, the Central Government fixes the zone-wise unit cost of production of sugar (L-factor under the provisions of Clause 5A of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966]. The L-factor has been last finalized for the sugar season 2003-04 (Annexure-I). The L-factor for 2004-05 and 2005-06 sugar season is yet to be fixed.

(c): A statement showing the quantity and value of sugar imported during the last three financial years is given at Annexure-II. No import of sugar has taken place on Government account, as such, no information is available on the additional expenditure incurred on import of sugar.

(d): A statement showing the quantity and value of sugar exported during the last three financial years is given at Annexure-III.